the market rented out on Kuthakapattom had been resumed recently. A police station should be established on the western side of the market.

A *Vishavaidyasala* should be established at Mezhuveli.

A bridge sufficiently high should be put up at Nalkalikal on the Pantalam-Aranmula road.

An evening market should be established near the end of the Mezhuveli-Maramon road.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Mulur S. Padmanabha Panicker, in regard to Vaidyasalas, there are at present 120 grant-in-aid Vaidyasalas. The question of increasing this number is under consideration. When this is settled, your representation will be investigated. The establishment of the Police station you suggest will be considered along with the allocation proposals. I shall ask the Dewan Peishkar to inspect and report about the market. I understand that the evening market referred to by you has already been sanctioned.

141. Needs of the Shertallai taluk.

MR. KRISHNAN KRISHNA PANICKER (*Member, Nominated*) said that an English School for girls was very necessary at Shertallai. At present the girls at Shertallai were attending the boys' school. But a separate school for girls was sure to furnish a great impetus to female education in the taluk.

A road should be opened from Kanjikuzhi to Muhamma. The road would help the development of the two markets at Kanjikuzhi. It will be useful also to the pupils attending the Muhamma school.

Another road should be opened from Kanjikuzhi to Kanichakulangara. Kanichakulangara was a place far away from the Arur-Alleppey road and cut off from the neighbouring places. There was an English school and a market at the place. The opening of the proposed road will be of great use to the people of the place and to the pupils attending the school.

The Parapally canal should be extended from Pozhichal to Muttathukayal. If this canal which went so far as a mile from Pozhichal was extended by about half a mile, it could be made to meet the canal recently opened from Muttathukayal to Ponnamveli market.

A road should be opened from the Ponnamveli market to the beach.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Krishna Panickar, in regard to the need for a girls' school at Shertallai, Government do not open any High Schools of their own now. But, if the people of Shertallai will find a building and money to start a private school, the Education Department will do its best to help it in every possible way by grants and otherwise.

Then, you mentioned certain roads. The Chief Engineer reports that the programme of communications for the Shertallai taluk as at present arranged, is as follows:

(1) The completion of the Kanjikuzhi-Muhamma road;

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(2) The completion of the Kanjikuzhi-Kanichakulangara road; and

(3) The completion of the road from Ponnamveli market to the beach. These three roads they are going to complete.

The question of a canal from Pozhichal to the Muttathukayal is now under consideration.

142. Measures for improving the condition of the artisan classes.

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Member, Nominated*) said that the construction of temples and other buildings in which skilled labour was to be employed should be entrusted to artisans engaged by the Departments concerned on the daily wages system. Such works were at present being entrusted to contractors. This system tended to ruin the artisan classes. With a view therefore to improving the condition of these classes, a few of them should be employed in the P. W. D. Workshops and in the Maramath Department. The School of Arts and the Carpentry School, Quilon, might also be made self-supporting institutions.

The pay of the artisans employed in the carpentry school at Quilon and the School of Arts at Trivandrum and in various posts in the Public Works and the Maramath Departments should be enhanced. The pay of the employees in these institutions did not at present bear any proportion to the nature of the work they turned out. The vacancies arising from time to time in these institutions should be filled up by the appointment of qualified members of the artisan classes.

Government should employ some agency for purchasing ivory and other articles and stocking them for sale in the Sri Mulam Shastiabdapurthi Institute and other institutions of a like nature to be established in future.

A few skilled artisans should be selected by Government and deputed to foreign countries for training in arts and handicrafts. There were many artisans in the country who were very skilful architects, mechanics and painters. If they were allowed to gain some experience of the modern methods of work in foreign countries, they would make excellent workmen. The history of many artisan families in Travancore showed that in ancient days these people learnt their art from Chinese workmen.

The distribution of the Budget allotments set apart for industrial loans should be entrusted to a committee consisting of the Director of Industries, the Registrar of Co-operative Societies and the Director of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Arrangements should be made for extending the benefits of the State Life Insurance Department to members of the artisan classes. Provision should also be made in the Factories Regulation so as to make it obligatory on the part of factory owners to institute provident or benefit funds for their employees.

Arrangements should be made for issuing loans to non-credit co-operative societies started by artisans.

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